

## House Resolution 1491 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for related matters; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 **PART I**

4 WHEREAS, former Representative Dorothy Barnes Pelote was a member of the General  
5 Assembly of Georgia for more than a decade, where she worked tirelessly in loyal and  
6 enduring service to her constituents and the citizens of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, former Representative Dorothy Barnes Pelote has been a resident of Savannah,  
8 Georgia, for over 50 years and, prior to serving as a Representative, acted in public service  
9 to her community first as an educator and, upon retirement, as a member of the Chatham  
10 County Board of Commissioners; and

11 WHEREAS, while serving in the General Assembly of Georgia as a member of the House  
12 of Representatives, Ms. Pelote worked steadfastly to pass many resolutions and bills that  
13 benefit not only the citizens of Savannah, but the entire State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Pelote has been instrumental in obtaining funds for a number of local  
15 initiatives and community improvements and has received numerous awards and recognitions  
16 for her services to the community and the citizens of this state; and

17 WHEREAS, former Representative Dorothy Barnes Pelote is a beloved member of many  
18 public and civic organizations, her church, and family.

19 **PART II**

20 WHEREAS, Derward Buchan is a veteran of the United States Army and served in the  
21 occupational forces in Japan and later served in Korea; and

1 WHEREAS, he served 14 years on the Douglas city commission and six years as the mayor;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Douglas city commission, he oversaw transportation  
4 improvements, including the widening of Madison Street, the completion of Perimeter Road,  
5 and the continuing improvement of traffic congestion through the use of one-way streets; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a former member and secretary of the Southeast Georgia Regional  
7 Development Center; and

8 WHEREAS, he retired from the Georgia Department of Transportation after 34 years of  
9 service as an area engineer; and

10 WHEREAS, Derward is a charter member of the Douglas Exchange Club, past president of  
11 the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, and a member of the  
12 Chamber of Commerce and American Legion; and

13 WHEREAS, Derward F. Buchan has devoted his life to service as a businessman, civic  
14 leader, and friend to the City of Douglas, and it is only fitting that the Derward F. Buchan  
15 Corridor be dedicated in his honor.

### 16 **PART III**

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Tommy G. Hudson was an employee of the Georgia Department of  
18 Transportation; and

19 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding employee and citizen of the State of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, he was struck and killed by a vehicle on March 2, 2005, while in the  
21 performance of his duties on SR 107 in Turner County near the bridge over Deep Creek; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a devoted family man, a highly respected employee, an able and upright  
23 citizen of his community and the State of Georgia, and a friend to all who were privileged  
24 to know and work with him.

### 25 **PART IV**

1 WHEREAS, the 848th Engineer Company was organized as the B-560 Engineering Battalion  
2 and later became the 848th Engineer Company attached to the 48th Infantry Brigade; and

3 WHEREAS, the 848th Engineer Company was mobilized for Operation Desert Storm in  
4 1990 as part of the 48th Infantry Brigade; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1993, the 848th Engineer Company was reorganized as Company C in the  
6 648th Engineer Battalion; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1994, the 648th Engineer Battalion was mobilized for duty in central and  
8 southern Georgia to help with the massive flooding following tropical storm Alberto; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1996-97, the 648th was mobilized to serve a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, currently the 648th is serving with the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in  
12 Iraq and the Persian Gulf area; and

13 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that these courageous soldiers, who in the spirit of the American  
14 patriot, have volunteered to confront the dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime and  
15 peacetime service and in the spirit of humanity have strived to establish and keep the peace  
16 in Iraq and Bosnia with fortitude and steadfast resolve, should have a bridge named in their  
17 honor; and

18 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of the Georgia  
19 National Guard who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of  
20 liberty for this nation and other peoples of the world.

21 **PART V**

22 WHEREAS, the lighthouse of Tybee Island has a long and storied history along the Georgia  
23 coast; and

24 WHEREAS, the lighthouse has saved the lives of many desperate seafarers in search of a  
25 safe port; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting that the Tybee Island Lighthouse be memorialized  
2 by dedicating a causeway in honor of its glorious past.

3 **PART VI**

4 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Lucille M. Norton, late of Lakeland, Georgia, was  
5 received by the members of her community with much deep regret; and

6 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished woman of 86 years rendered her name dear to  
7 the hearts of her family and fellow citizens alike; and

8 WHEREAS, Lucille M. Norton was a native of Lanier County who, after receiving her  
9 teaching degree, made Lanier County and Lakeland, Georgia, her home and not only became  
10 a teacher for the Lanier County school system, but also served six decades as a mentor of five  
11 generations of children and families of Lanier County; and

12 WHEREAS, her commitment to public service and various volunteer organizations, such as  
13 the March of Dimes and her beloved Good Hope Baptist Church, made her community and  
14 this state a better place in which to live; and

15 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this woman of vision and significance be  
16 honored by naming a small and simple bridge in her honor; a bridge over a small and  
17 undemanding creek that, as a child, bordered on her mother's farm; that she played in as a  
18 child; that she fished and enjoyed all of her 86 years on this earth; that she later in life  
19 inherited from her mother who had inherited it from her family; and that, in death, she passed  
20 on to her only son.

21 **PART VII**

22 WHEREAS, Private James Boggan was born on December 22, 1925, in Ambrose, Georgia;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was first established by George Washington during the  
25 Revolutionary War and later revived by the War Department in February of 1932; and

26 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to persons who while serving in any capacity with  
27 the United States Armed Services has been wounded or killed or who has died or may  
28 thereafter die after being wounded; and

1 WHEREAS, Private James Boggan of Ambrose, Georgia, received fatal wounds in  
2 Luxembourg during World War II while serving in the United States Army that resulted in  
3 his death on March 16, 1945, and was awarded the Purple Heart on June 11, 1945; and

4 WHEREAS, Private Boggan left behind him in Ambrose, Georgia, his parents, the late Cecil  
5 D. Boggan and Mary Grantham Boggan, as well as six brothers and sisters; and

6 WHEREAS, Private Boggan is an example of a generation of young soldiers who gave their  
7 lives during World War II in the fight for democracy and freedom.

### 8 **PART VIII**

9 WHEREAS, Thomas McGaughey Kilgore was a native and lifelong resident of Douglas  
10 County and was a descendant of Douglas County native citizens dating back prior to the  
11 incorporation of the county; and

12 WHEREAS, he graduated from Douglas County High School in 1952 and from Berry  
13 College in 1956; and

14 WHEREAS, he spent his entire professional career with CSX Transportation; and

15 WHEREAS, he was elected as a member of the Georgia General Assembly's House of  
16 Representatives to represent Douglas County, taking office in 1975 and serving through  
17 1992; and

18 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the General Assembly, he served on the Appropriations  
19 Committee and the Industry Committee, and chaired the Education Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Education Committee, he was instrumental in establishing  
21 the Douglas County campus of West Central Technical College on Timber Ridge Road,  
22 which has become an integral part of the community and provides an opportunity for  
23 thousands of Douglas County citizens to receive higher education; and

24 WHEREAS, after retirement, he continued to work with the Douglasville Convention and  
25 Visitors Bureau to help bring tourists to Douglas County; and

1 WHEREAS, he was married for 43 years to Carol M. McLendon, and they had two beautiful  
2 daughters, Pamela K. Platt and Teresa A. Kilgore, and two wonderful grandchildren, Lindsay  
3 and Will; and

4 WHEREAS, he was a lifetime member of County Line Baptist Church and a charter member  
5 of the West Pines Golf Course and enjoyed carp fishing during his free time; and

6 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this man who devoted his life to his family and service to  
7 his community should have a bridge in his beloved Douglas County dedicated in his memory.

8 **PART IX**

9 WHEREAS, when Georgia Loop 1 in Floyd County was first constructed, it extended from  
10 the intersection of SR 20 in West Rome to SR 53; and

11 WHEREAS, this section of Georgia Loop 1 has been previously named the "Veterans  
12 Memorial Highway"; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia Loop 1 has now been extended from SR 53 to US 411/SR 20; and

14 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed  
15 forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for  
16 this nation and other peoples of the world.

17 **PART X**

18 WHEREAS, Lieutenant McKinnon was born on January 20, 1923, to William Bryan  
19 McKinnon and Laura Estelle McKinnon; and

20 WHEREAS, Lieutenant McKinnon served honorably in the United States Navy from 1955  
21 to 1960 as a naval aviator with Fighter Squadron 174; on January 12, 1960, Lieutenant  
22 McKinnon and another aviator were on a flight training mission when a mistake caused the  
23 two fine, young pilots to collide killing Lt. McKinnon instantly; and

24 WHEREAS, Lt. McKinnon was born and raised within a half-mile of the Satilla River Bridge  
25 where as a child he dove off, swam around, and fished off the bridge; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of Mora Baptist Church and a young student attending  
2 the local schools and later graduating from South Georgia College before entering the Naval  
3 Cadet program; and

4 WHEREAS, Lt. McKinnon was a young man who despite growing up during the Depression  
5 availed himself of the opportunities of the United States to achieve success before his life  
6 was tragically cut short; and

7 WHEREAS, Lt. McKinnon was a loving husband to Nancy Faye McKinnon and loyal  
8 brother to younger brother Clark McKinnon and sisters Paulette Wilson and Carol A.  
9 Morrison as well as being a young man who was generally loved and respected in the  
10 surrounding community.

11 **PART XI**

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 GEORGIA that the bridge on Bay Street between East Lathorpe Street and Farm Street in  
14 Chatham County is dedicated as the Dorothy Barnes Pelote Bridge.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 32 from the 206 Connector to the CSX  
16 Railroad overpass is dedicated as the Derward F. Buchan Corridor.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over Deep Creek on SR 107 at Mile Post 8.0  
18 in Turner County, Bridge ID # 287-00107D-00.800E, is hereby dedicated as the Tommy G.  
19 Hudson Bridge in honor of the memory of this distinguished Georgian.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on the SR 206 Connector that spans the CSX  
21 railroad, in Coffee County, is dedicated as the Hero Bridge.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of US 80 from the end of Lazaretto River  
23 to the end of US 80 on Tybee Island, in Chatham County, is dedicated as the Historic Tybee  
24 Lighthouse Causeway.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over Grand Bay Creek on U. S. Highway 221  
26 in the County of Lanier be dedicated as the Lucille M. Norton Bridge.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bear Creek Bridge on Highway 32 West in  
2 Ambrose, Georgia, is dedicated as the Private James Boggan Memorial Bridge.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prestley Mill Road bridge over I-20, in Douglas  
4 County, is dedicated as the Tom Kilgore Memorial Bridge.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Georgia Loop 1 from SR 53 to US  
6 411/SR 20 is dedicated as the Veterans Memorial Highway.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Satilla River Bridge on Hwy. 135 in Douglas, GA,  
8 is dedicated as the Lieutenant Rudolph McKinnon, USN, Memorial Bridge.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
10 directed to erect and maintain signs identifying the highway facilities dedicated in this  
11 resolution.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of  
14 Transportation, Dorothy Barnes Pelote, Derward F. Buchan, the family of Tommy G.  
15 Hudson, the commanding officer of the 648th Engineer Battalion of the Georgia Army  
16 National Guard, the local governing authority of Tybee Island, the surviving and only son,  
17 four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren of Lucille M. Norton, the family of Private  
18 James Boggan, the family of Tom Kilgore, and the family of Lieutenant Rudolph McKinnon.